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GEORGE P. SARSFIELD NAMED RECIPIENT
OF FIRST 'ROBERT PANTZER AWARD'

MISSOULA--

George P. Sarsfield, Butte, an attorney who is a 1950 graduate of the University of Montana School of Law, has been named recipient of the first Robert Pantzer Award. The award will be presented at the UM Alumni Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at the Florence Motor Inn as part of the 1975 UM Homecoming activities Friday and Saturday.

The award, established in 1974 in honor of Robert T. Pantzer, the 12th president of the University of Montana, will be presented annually to a person who has made a substantial contribution toward making the University a humane and free environment for inquiry and learning. Pantzer, who served as UM president from Dec. 16, 1966, until his retirement June 30, 1974, is now employed as administrator for the law firm of Rutan and Tucker, Santa Ana, Calif.

Besides completing payment this spring of a \$5,000 pledge he made to the University of Montana in April 1970, Sarsfield has made substantial contributions to the UM School of Law, including a total of 384 volumes of "American Law Reports First, Second and Third Series, and Digests, Supplemental Decisions and allied volumes," a complete set to the date of the gift, Dec. 10, 1974.

Another gift from Sarsfield to the UM law school included 178 volumes of the "United States Code Annotated," representing the complete set of the U.S. Code and index volumes.

A community leader, Sarsfield has served on a number of posts with the Rotary International and the Butte Rotary Club. He just completed a term as first vice president of Rotary International and is a past district governor of Rotary District 539, which comprises all of Montana.

He is a past president of the Butte YMCA; the Butte Country Club,
and the Southwest Montana Heart Council. He also is past chairman of the
Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology Executive Board in the Mining City.

Sarsfield was recipient of the 1971 UM Alumni Distinguished Service Award and he was
a Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1960. The Butte attorney,
who is a past president of the UM Alumni Association, assisted in establishing the UM
Alumni Development Fund in 1968 because he said he felt the University could not fulfill
its destiny as a servant of the state and nation if it is limited solely to state tax
support.

Sarsfield was a four-time Montana Amateur Golf Champion and he is a former Montana
Open Golf Champion.

A special committee at UM is responsible for selecting the Pantzer Award recipient
annually.

Besides serving as the 12th UM president from 1966-74, Pantzer held the positions of
acting president on the Missoula campus from August to December of 1966 and he also served
the University as financial vice president and professor of business administration.

In addition to the law degree he received at UM in 1950, Sarsfield was awarded a
bachelor's degree in business administration on the Missoula campus that year.